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THE HAGUE FOR BERGER AND NEUMANN, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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SUBJ: COMMERCE STUDY ON FORIEIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT: BERGER-NEUMANN
VISIT

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1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF BERGER AND NEUMANN BEING
MADE THROUGH THE SWISS FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT
(FOREIGN OFFICE). THE FPD HAS NOW PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 30:

0930: MEET IN BERN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITICAL
DEPARTMENT (ERNST THURNHEER OF THE ECONOMIC AND
FINANCIAL SERVICE), DIVISION OF COMMERCE (PHILIPPE
LEVY, CHIEF OF THE OECD SECTION), AND A SO FAR
UNNAMED OFFICIAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND
POLICE.

1530 - MEET IN ZURICH WITH DR. PAUL EHRSAM, LEGAL COUNSEL,
SWISS NATIONAL BANK, AND OTHER SNB STAFFERS.

2. THURNHEER, WHO IS THE GOS CONTROL OFFICER FOR THIS VISIT,
REGRETTEED THAT ALL THE MEETINGS COULD NOT BE ARRANGED IN
BERN. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, HOWEVER, THAT BERGER AND
NEUMANN GO TO ZURICH AS THAT BRANCH OF THE SNB IS RESPONSIBLE
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FOR CONTROLLING CAPITAL INFLOWS AND HAS THE MOST

INFORMATION ABOUT FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN SWITZERLAND. THE MORNING MEETING IN BERN SHOULD END BETWEEN 1130 AND 1200; THERE IS A TRAIN WITH A DINING CAR WHICH DEPARTS BERN AT 1232 AND ARRIVES ZURICH AT 1355 AND ANOTHER TRAIN WITHOUT DINER WHICH DEPARTS 1310 AND ARRIVES AT 1455.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSED SCHEDULE IS ACCEPTABLE. IF SO, DO BERGER AND NEUMANN WISH THEIR JANUARY 30 HOTEL RESERVATIONS CHANGED FROM THE HOTEL SILVAHOF TO AN APPROPRIATE ZURICH HOTEL?.
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